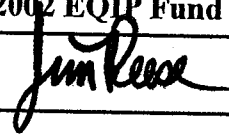


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EQIP – Anticipated Changes to the FY 2002 EQIP Fund Codes

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Background

The 2002 Farm Bill, signed on May 13, 2002, removed the legislative requirement for conservation priority areas. The Bill provided specific funds for Ground and Surface Water Conservation funds in the High Plains Aquifer. A software release will be issued approximately mid-August that will edit the fund codes for all existing contracts and applications in the CCC system to remove priority area fund code identity.

B Purpose

This notice transmits information on the anticipated changes to EQIP fund codes.

2 Anticipated Changes to EQIP Fund Codes

A FY 2001 and Earlier Contracts

All priority area fund codes will be replaced with fund code 401111/year.

B FY 2002 Contracts

Five fund codes will be available for Oklahoma for FY 2002 EQIP as follows:

- 409999/2002 – FY 2002 contracts other than Ground and Surface Water Conservation (G&SWC)
- 402222/2002 – G&SWC contracts
- 408002/1997 – 1997 EOAs
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- 408502/2002 – LHHS no-year funds

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2 Anticipated Changes to EQIP Fund Codes (Continued)

C
Fund Code
for New
Applications

Until the software, containing the fund code edit is released, county FSA offices will use 409999/2002 to enter new applications in the system, excluding those in subparagraph 2 D.

D
G&SWC
Applications

Counties, involved in the EQIP G&SWC (OK Notice CONOP-58), shall take manual applications until the software is released with the G&SWC fund code.

Note: G&SWC is applicable to Beaver, Beckham, Cimarron, Ellis, Harper Roger Mills, Texas, and Woodward counties.
